

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1 – 9. (Cancelled without prejudice)

10. (Currently amended) A method of washing an unsealed electric motor assembly used in food or medicine preparation activities subject to FDA oversight, wherein the motor assembly includes an unsealed non-corroding housing material and a motor having non-corroding components, [the motor assembly configured to be used in food or medicine preparation activities subject to FDA oversight,] comprising the steps of:

washing the unsealed electric motor assembly with a washing fluid, whereby the washing fluid is permitted to enter the interior of the unsealed electric motor assembly;

removing the washing fluid from the unsealed electric motor assembly; and

operating the electric motor, whereby residual washing fluid remaining within the unsealed electric motor assembly is driven off as a result of the heating of the motor during said operation;

whereby said electric motor and said electric motor assembly are cleaned, and said electric motor is protected against failure from corrosion by the driving off of the residual fluid from the unsealed electric motor assembly.

11. (Original) The method of washing an unsealed washable electric motor assembly according to Claim 10, wherein the step of removing the washing fluid from the unsealed washable electric motor assembly includes permitting the washing fluid to drain from the unsealed washable electric motor assembly.

12. (Original) The method of washing an unsealed electric motor assembly according to Claim 10, further comprising the step of:

removing the unsealed electric motor assembly from an apparatus to which it is mounted prior to performing the washing step.